Amount allocated for Welfare of SCs and STs in Bihar

1007. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated by the Union Government for the Welfare of SC/ST during each of the last three years in Bihar;

(b) the number of families expected to be benefited as per the scheme and the number of families actually benefited therefrom;

(c) whether the allocated amount has not been fully utilised; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) The amount allocated by the Ministry of Welfare under different schemes for the welfare of SCs/STs in Bihar during each of the last three years is as follows:—

Year	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1993-94	7529.70
1994-95	3038.45
1995-96	1232.92

(b) The target and achievement of SC and ST families under different schemes for their welfare for the past three years has been as follows:—

SC Families

Year	Target	Achievement
1993-94	340000	179385
1994-95	240000	151736
1995-96	240000	175272
ST Families		
1993-94	125000	151300
1994-95	140000	104193
1995-96	120000	105420

(c) and (d) Information has been sought from the Government of Bihar and will be placed on the Table of the House as soon as it is received.

Female Beggars Homes in Maharashtra

1008. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the

(a) whether Government have set up female beggar homes in the State of Maharashtra particularly in Mumbai and Nagpur with the cooperation of the Government of Maharashtra under Bombay Prevention of Begging Act, 1959;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if answar to (a) in negative whether Government propose to set up female beggar homes at Mumbai and Nagpur for the welfare of female beggars; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) to (d) The Government of Maharashtra have set up a Beggars Home for Female Beggars at Chembur in Mumbai city with a capacity of 550 and provision for rehabilitation of Beggars. The Home has an average capacity of 400 and it provides training programmes in broom making, tailoring, sewing, farming etc. In addition medical and health care is also available to the inmates. The capacity of the Beggars Home at Mumbai is not fully utilised and there is no proposal to have a similar home at Nagpur.

Adequate Funds for Welfare of Minorities

1009. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been requested to grant adequate funds for the welfare of minorities;

(b) whether such requests are in terms of establishment of some Rs. 500 crores fund to be raised for welfare of minorities of country;

(c) whether Government have taken any action on these requests; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) to (d) No specific request in terms of establishment of Rs. 500.00 crores fund for the welfare of minorities has been received in this Ministry. However, Ministry of Welfare has been implementing a scheme of multi-sectoral plans for 41 minority concentration districts

which an amount of Rs. 1 crore has been earmarked during 8th Five Year Plan. National Minorities Finance & Development Corporation, which has been set up on 30.9.94 with a provision for Rs. 500 crores as authorised capital to provide loans at concessional rates of interest to minority communities, has been allocated a sum of Rs. 125 crores during the VIIIth Plan. For pre-examination coaching scheme for weaker sections (including from Minorities) based on economic criteria, an amount of Rs. 10 crores has been proposed during VIIIth Plan. The Deptt. of Education has been implementing the scheme of Modernisation of Madras Education, Community Poly-technics and Area Intensive Programme for educationally backward minorities. During the VIIIth Plan period, a sum of Rs. 1 crore, Rs. 30 crore and Rs. 16.27 crores have been earmarked under these schemes, respectively.

अनुसूचित जाति तथा अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग की सिफारिशें

1010. **श्री मोहिन्दर सिंह कल्याण:** क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) अनुसूचित जाति तथा अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग द्वारा वर्ष 1995-96 तथा 1996-97 के दौरान सरकार को कितनी-कितनी सिफारिशें भेजी गई हैं और इन सिफारिशों का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ख) सरकार ने आयोग द्वारा की गई सिफारिशों पर अब तक क्या कार्यवाही की है?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री बलवंत सिंह रामूवालिया): (क) तथा (ख) राष्ट्रीय अनुसूचित जाति एवं अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग ने वर्ष 1992-93 की अपनी प्रथम रिपोर्ट दिनांक 15.2.1994 को प्रस्तुत कर दी है, जिसमें 36 सिफारिशें हैं और इस रिपोर्ट को राज्य सरकारों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों एवं भारत सरकार के मंत्रालयों/विभागों में की गई कार्रवाई रिपोर्ट को अंतिम रूप देने के लिए परिचालित कर दिया गया है। अनेक राज्य सरकारों तथा कुछ मंत्रालयों से की गई कार्रवाई रिपोर्ट की प्रतीक्षा है। वर्ष 1993-94 को आयोग की दूसरी रिपोर्ट भी जुलाई, 1996 में प्राप्त हो गई है जिसे राज्य सरकारों एवं भारत सरकार के मंत्रालयों/विभागों में परिचालित किया जा रहा है। वर्ष 1995-96 तथा 1996-97 की रिपोर्टें अभी तक प्राप्त नहीं हुई हैं।

राष्ट्रीय पिछड़ा वर्ग आयोग

1011. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:** क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने एक नये राष्ट्रीय पिछड़ा वर्ग आयोग की स्थापना की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके गठन का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) वे कारण क्या हैं जिनकी वजह से सरकार को एक नये राष्ट्रीय पिछड़ा वर्ग आयोग की स्थापना करने की आवश्यकता पड़ी?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री बलवन्त सिंह रामूवलिया): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Muslim and Christians of Scheduled Caste Origin under SC/ST Category

1012. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the reason why persons belonging to religions other than Hinduism, Sikhism and Buddhism can not be deemed to be members of scheduled castes;

(b) whether it does not amount to discrimination on the basis of caste and violates the Constitutional provisions in this regard;

(c) whether Government will consider to include the Muslims and Christians of Scheduled caste origin under the SC/ST category; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) The criteria followed in deciding whether a community is eligible for inclusion in the list of Scheduled Castes are extreme social, educational and economic backwardness arising out of the traditional practice of untouchability.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Consideration of representations in respect of various communities/sections of society for inclusion, including those mentioned in the question, is a continuing process